

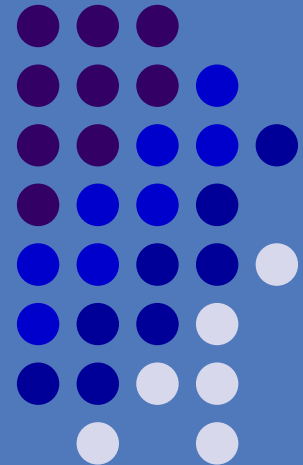


Community Re-entry: Transition Issues

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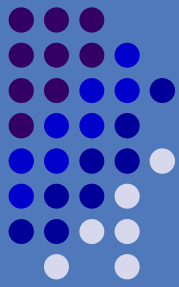
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Corrections' Core Purpose

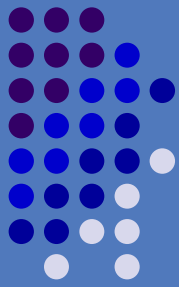
Protecting Society by...



- Confining inmates &



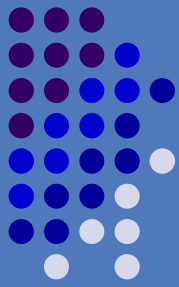
- Providing inmates work & skills-building opportunities to facilitate community re-entry



Core Programs

- Core Inmate Programs
 - Work
 - Vocational / Occupational Training
 - Education
 - Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Residential Drug Abuse Program
- Efforts intensify pre-release

Paradigm Shift

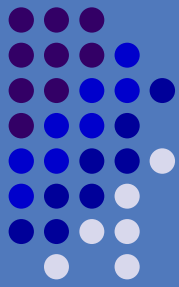


From program or process-centered

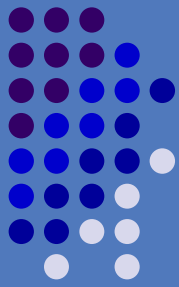


To skills or competency-based

Inmate Skills Development Initiative



Comprehensive, agency-wide strategy to reduce recidivism by ensuring inmates acquire the *types* of real-world skills essential to successful re-entry

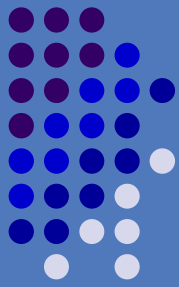


For **each** inmate, this means...

- ✔ ➤ Objectively assessing his/her specific strengths & weaknesses
- ✔ ➤ Developing a individually-tailored plan
- ✔ ➤ Using programs that target that inmate's deficit areas
- ✔ ➤ Monitoring skills acquisition
- ✔ ➤ Communicating/working with re-entry partners on the inmate's status & release planning



Keys to Re-entry Success

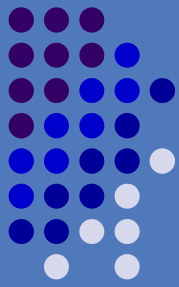


- Collaboration from beginning to end
 - Examples: Community Relations Boards & volunteers, local partnerships (e.g., colleges), mentors in the Life Connections Program, mock job fairs
- Communication
- Resource identification, development & coordination

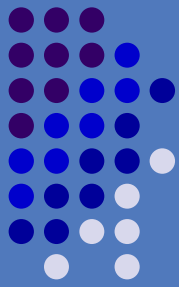


Training

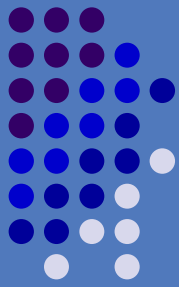
- For internal & external audiences
- Available through NIC



Major Collaborative Effort



National Offender Workforce Development Partnership

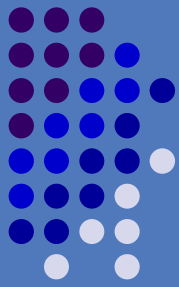


Halfway House Considerations

- Understanding each ex-offender's needs & prioritizing steps for addressing those needs
- Making available the types of services needed to maximize success
 - Drug treatment
 - Employment assistance
- Collaborating
- Staffing
- Siting

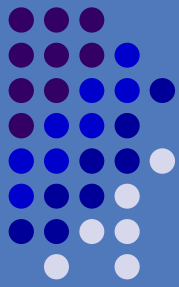


Resources



- Community Resource Directory
- www.nicic.gov
- Corrections professionals

Final Remarks



Accepting the challenge